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Orders issued about regarding rate of supply to Indians.—

1) Merchants may be employed to supply on Commissariat system in Districts.—

2) No Commandants note should be fixed about in Bangalore, Trichy, Mysore — a table given to by Com^t. — Set down

Mysore 4
Bangalore 6 5 —
Trichy 2 1 —
Trichy 1 60

3) A draft is submitted regarding the supply of rags to Indians and passed, referred to above

Regarding Commandants telegrams have been sent to Commrs.

Deputation approved
Issue above orders

Received & made a separate file

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
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186	To the Food Controller No G 18323 of 22.2.19 Requests that immediate action be taken for the regular supply of rice to Guddalur & that the failure to supply hitherto may be investigated & reported.
189	From the F. M. Resident. No 1468 of 22.1.19 With reference to correspondence ending with his letter No 1019 of 5/2/19 - forwards for very early consideration - a copy of telegram of 21st Feby 1919 from the Secy to Govt Madras regarding the insufficient supply of rice to Guddalur The file on the subject was submitted to the Dewan on the 22nd inst in connection with the question of the continuance of the arrangement with Madras after March - Submitted Mg 24/2/19 For favour of a note as to the action taken. P. S. D with compliments C.S. wishes to note copy of reply sent to F.M.O. Guddalur 24/2/19

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Copies of demi. official letters Nos: R. 3 and R. 4, dd 22d and 24th Feb: 1919, respectively - issued to the First Assts: Resident - are put up.

RD
25.2.19.

To Mr Jeyaratnam for with compliments
Neu
25/2

Thompson

Mr Jeyaratnam

25/2/19

Seen - Thanks

Please keep all correspondence re Mendis ~~case~~ supply together for any reference.

25/2

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Mr 1/3/19

NOTE—Contn. sheet.

Submitted to His Highness.

I submit herewith for favour of perusal copies of correspondence with the Residency regarding arrangements for the supply of food grains to the Nilgiris.

26-2-19

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Copies of correspondence with the Residency regarding arrangements for the supply of food grains to Nilgiris.

Order.

27.2.19.

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NOTE—Contn. sheet.

Telephone message

From

The Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District
Mysore

To

The Private Secretary,,
to the Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore

I met Mr. David, Collector of Nilgiri yesterday and had a talk with him regarding the supply to Cuddalore and have arranged the matter by my allowing Cuddalore merchants to buy ragi wherever available in Mysore. Mr. David told me that he had moved to the Director of Civil Supplies, Madras to withdraw and retaliatory measure and asking the Amildar, Gundelpet to allow Cuddalore merchants to buy whatever ragi they want there.

(Signed) Chok Kanna

G.H
T.O. 24/2/15

D.O. No. 284

Sub Journal
Nil 24/2

Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District,
Dated, Mysore, 23rd February 1919.

Fo 4630
24-2-19

Dear Mr. Madhava Rao,

I have telephoned yesterday the actual situation with regard to the supply of ragi and rice to Gudalur. Will you please place before the Dewan the following further statement:-

As mentioned by me in person at Bangalore, I had secured tenderers for supplying rice and ragi to Gundlupet for transport to Gudalur. The rice man is keeping the supply going.

The ragi man executed his agreement on the 30th January and gave me his deposit of 1000/- rupees later. His first delivery was to have been on the 6th February. He said he had not time enough to meet this and I managed to send in ragi for the week telling him to send in a double consignment on the 13th. I met him at Bangalore on the 10th and he said that there was great difficulty in the way of his securing ragi from the Bangalore Taluk villages where he had advanced money largely. He had even secured the help of the Food Controller in asking the Amildar, Bangalore, to help him. He assured me that he would send a consignment by the 15th. I wired this change of date to Ooty. By the 15th I got a letter from him to say that he could not secure any supply at all. I then wrote to the Revenue Commissioner asking him if I may ask the Collector of Nilgiris to send his merchants to buy ragi here and take it over on permits from us. In the meanwhile, Mr. Matthan came here and authorised my wiring to the Collector to the above effect. This has been done.

Every where, where Mr. Matthan and I toured in the District, there is a great feeling that we cannot afford this heavy export, least from Gundlupet. They clamoured loudly against all commandeering in future. Their contentions are more than half justified.

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As announced by me at the meeting on the 10th, we are short for ragi in this District, and all this quantity going out to Gudalur and Coorg, where these commodities are selling at very high rates, will further deplete the stock.

I am discussing the situation with Mr. Matthan, who is going back to Bangalore to-day and will discuss matters direct with the Dewan.

Yours sincerely,

H.N.

G 18323 G.O 66-8-1861 & 22/2/19

To

The Food Controller in Mysore.

Sir,

I am directed to invite reference to Govt. Order No. G. 16019-23, dated 31st Jan. 1919, regarding the supply of food grains to Gudalur, etc., and to state that Govt. have learnt with regret that the stipulated quantity of ragi has not till now been supplied to the Gudalur Taluk.

2. I am to request that you will be so good as to take immediate action for the regular supply of ragi to Gudalur and intimate to Govt. the action taken in the matter. If the contractors who undertook to supply ragi have failed to carry out the terms of the contract, merchants may be employed to supply the required quantity and allowed a certain rate of commission on their invoice prices.

3. Under no circumstances should any default in the carrying out of our agreement with the Madras Government be allowed to occur.

4. This failure to supply the stipulated quantity may be investigated and a report submitted to Govt. as to who is responsible therefor.

I have etc.,

Chief Secy. to Govt.

BEN. & MYS. SECTT.
2 FEB 1919

CHIEF SECRETARIAT
II
POLITICAL BRANCH.
24 FEB. 1919

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FROM

MAJOR E. H. S. JAMES,
FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 22nd February 1919..

SIR,

With reference to the correspondence ending with my letter No.1019, dated the 5th February 1919, I am directed to forward for very early consideration, a copy of telegram No.32, dated the 21st February 1919, from the Secretary to the Government of Madras Revenue (Spl) Department, regarding the insufficient supply of ragi to Gudalur.

2. The favour of an early reply as to the action taken ~~on~~ the matter is requested.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

First Assistant Resident.

cmj

Telegram No.32, dated the 21st February 1919, ~~from~~ from the Government of Madras, Revenue (Spl) Department, to the Resident in Mysore.

Reference correspondence ending my letter 179, 30th January against 325 tons ragi, Mysore Darbar should have allowed for requirements Gudalur. In December, January first five days Feby. only 139 tons have been allowed including supply made eight Feby. Stop. Against 40 tons ragi Mysore agreed supply every week commencing from sixth Feby. only eighteen and a half tons delivered for week ending thirteenth. Stop. Deputy Commissioner Mysore promised supply forty tons ragi on Thursday, thirteenth but promise remains unfulfilled, until eighteenth. Stop. Grain position Gudalur reported most critical, Madras Government will be obliged for your intervention with Darbar to explain seriousness of situation and ask Darbar act according to settlement arrived at Bangalore conference, Stop. Meantime Director, Civil Supplies Madras, stopping further ~~surplus~~ Supplies rice Mysore except to Kolar Goldfields Stop. Addressed -- Bangalore repeated Mercara.

"Copy"

L. N. Menon

Registrar, Resident's Office

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R.No.3.

Bangalore,
22nd February 1919.

Dear Major James,

In continuation of my letter of this morning, I write to inform you as follows:-

My enquiries go to show that the supply of ragi to Gudalur was given on contract to certain respectable firms who promised to undertake the same, but the contractors have failed owing to abnormal rise of prices to fulfil their contract. I have since directed other arrangements.

The supply of ragi to Bangalore and Mysore cities and other important centres also appears to be very precarious. The ryots are holding back and we have resorted to cammandeering again in consequence.

The difficulties regarding ragi supply have increased considerably of late and I am sure that the situation in Gudalur is no worse than some parts within the State itself.

The Mysore Deputy Commissioner who is primarily responsible has not made any reports to Government regarding his failure. I have taken measures to see that he makes his supplies by resorting to commandeering operations giving up the contract arrangements.

Orders have already issued urgently to him by wire as well as by letter. We hold ourselves responsible for supplying the full quantity stipulated and I hope to be able to say in a few days' time that this has been done.

As regards stopping our rice supplies from Madras, I refer you to Durbar's recent official letter on the subject (Pol.No.820 dated 18th February 1919.) The supplies have not been made on account of the same reason as admitted by the

the Director of Civil Supplies, Madras, viz., that the mill contractors to whom the Director of Civil Supplies gave certificates failed to carry out the agreements. So, I think the Hon'ble the Resident will see that both parties to the agreement have to contend against unforeseen difficulties and I hope it would be possible to meet them. But to resort to measures of retaliation will not, I venture to say, be a correct procedure when failure on the part of both Governments is due to non-fulfilment of contracts given by them.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) A.R.Banerji.

Major E.H.S. James,
First Assistant to the
Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

" C o p y "

No:
R. 4

Bangalore,

24th/25th February 1919.

Dear Major James,

Please refer to my D.O. of the ~~24th~~ 22nd. The Food Controller has just handed to me a post copy of the telegram he received from the Director of Civil Supplies, Madras, which runs as follows:-

From J.Gray, Esq., I.C.S., Director of Civil Supplies, Madras.

To - The Director of Civil Supplies, Bangalore.

Dated Mount Road, Madras, 21st February 1919.

547 D.C.S. Please wire urgently when you will come Madras stop. Position regarding promised supplies for Gudalur extremely unsatisfactory and unless put right immediately I shall be constrained to cancel all your outstanding certificates for rice and to refuse to pass those now pending here.

Civisup, Madras.

I have now with me your certificates for rice from our Districts to Mysore amounting to 21,200 bags and shall hold up all these until I see you. I have arranged to pass the rice indented for by the K.G.Fields. (Sd.) J. Gray,
21-2-1919.

I also understand that the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, has met the Collector of Nilgiris in Mysore and come to some understanding with him regarding the ragi supplies to Gudalur. The Deputy Commissioner's telephone message on the subject is transcribed below:-

"I met Mr. Davis, Collector of Nilgiris yesterday and had a talk with him re. the supply to Gudalur and have arranged to send a merchant from Gudalur to buy ragi wherever available in Mysore. Mr. Davis told me that he had wired to the Director of Civil Supplies, Madras, to withdraw any

retaliatory measure and asking the Amildar of Gundlupet to allow Gudalur merchants to buy whatever ragi they sent there."

The position as regards the rice certificates for Mysore is somewhat unsatisfactory and as explained in my demi-official letter of yesterday, measures of retaliation certainly are not justified under the circumstances of the case.

The Mysore Government having withdrawn all restrictions within the State both as regards the transport of food grains and also maximum prices, the merchants from Gudalur or Ootacamund can very well make their purchases in Mysore for the requisite quantities of ragi under certificates issued by the Food Controller in the case of transport by rail and licenses for export by road to be issued by the Deputy Commissioners.

I understand that the Food Controller is meeting the Collector of Nilgiris in Bangalore to-day and it is hoped that they will come to some arrangement satisfactory to both parties in the matter. In the meantime, I request that the Hon'ble the Resident may kindly move the Madras Government so that all restrictions regarding the import of rice from the Madras Presidency according to the understanding arrived at may be forthwith removed.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) A. R. Banerji.

Major E.H.S. James,

First Assistant to the

Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

"C o p y"

(Draft)

Confidential.

General and Revenue Secretariat.

No: Dated, Bangalore the 24th February 1919.

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From

C.S. Balasundaram Iyer Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of H.H.
the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

To

T. Chokkanna Esq., B.A.,
Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore.

Sir,

I have the honour to invite your attention to paragraph ...no. 1.....of Government Order dated .....31st Jan. 1919.....regarding arrangements for the supply of ragi to Gudalur. It is understood that the arrangements then agreed to have not been brought into working order and that the supplies have not been satisfactorily made. I am desired to request you to explain the reason for this unsatisfactory state of things and also for the omission to apprise Government of the state of affairs and seek further instructions in time.

2. I am to request the favour of an immediate reply.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

CSBalasundaramIyer

Chief Secretary to Government.